

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration of the above mentioned application and in the recognition of allowable subject matter. Applicants hereby wish to amend the application as follows, and in so doing, believe to have overcome the Examiner's rejections.

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-22, 24, 25, and 31-33 and 35 remain in this application. Claims 23, 26-30, and 34 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-16 and 35 have been allowed. Claims 22-25 and 34 were objected to, but were indicated as allowable if re-written in independent format.

Claim 17 has been re-written to incorporate the limitations of claim 23, and claim 23 has been cancelled. Claims 18-22 depend from claim 17 and should be in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 24 and 25 have been re-written as independent claims, and should also be in condition for allowance, having been objected to.

Claim 31 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 34, and claim 34 has been cancelled.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that action toward a Notice of Allowance be taken.

Applicants have submitted, herewith, a check in the amount of a fee due for an extra independent claim. Applicants believe that no other additional fees are due in connection with this submission, however, if any fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0390, Baker & Daniels.

Respectfully Submitted,

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